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SUBJECT: JAPANESE HOST UNOFFICIAL PRODUCER-CONSUMER OIL
SYMPOSIUM

1. ON MARCH 28, A ONE-DAY SYMPOSIUM ON OIL AND ENERGY PROBLEMS WAS HELD IN TOKYO JOINTLY SPONSORED BY NEWLY FORMED (GOJ FINANCED) INTERNATIONAL RESOURCE RESEARCH COUNCIL (HEADED BY FORMER AMBASSADOR TO U.S. USHIBA) AND FOREIGN MINISTRY. SELECTED INDIVIDUALS WERE INVITED FROM NINE CONSUMER AND PRODUCER COUNTRIES, INCLUDING U.S., KUWAIT, IRAQ, IRAN, ALGERIA, NIGERIA, LEBANON, FRANCE AND U.K.. SOME PARTICIPANTS APPARENTLY HAVE QUASI-OFFICIAL CONNECTIONS, E.G., MOROZUMI OF JAPAN AND FORMER IRAQI PETROLEUM MINISTER ALWATARI (PHONETIC), WHO WE UNDERSTAND IS ADVISOR TO OPEC.

2. PRACTICALLY NO INFORMATION ABOUT SYMPOSIUM WAS CIRCULATED PUBLICLY PRIOR TO MARCH 28 AND NO CONCLUSIONS OR SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS HAS SURFACED THUS FAR. ACCORDING TO ONE FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCE, SYMPOSIUM WAS NOT WELL
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ORGANIZED AND PRODUCED LITTLE BEYOND FAMILIAR RECITATION

OF PROBLEMS. AT FOREIGN MINISTRY RECEPTION FOLLOWING MORNING, HOWEVER, INVITEES FROM EMBASSY WERE TOLD THAT OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT AMONG PARTICIPANTS WAS NEGATIVE TOWARD FLOOR PRICE APPROACH TO DOWNSIDE RISK PROBLEM. OUR QUERY ABOUT ANY ALTERNATIVE IDEAS TO ATTRACT INVESTMENT INTO NEW ENERGY RESOURCES MET WITH SILENCE. SEVERAL GOJ OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED SYMPOSIUM AS OBSERVERS COMMENTED ON SKEPTICISM AMONG PARTICIPANTS THAT U.S. CONGRESS WOULD IMPLEMENT A FLOOR PRICE CONCEPT AND GENERAL VIEW WAS THAT NO ONE ELSE WOULD ACT UNTIL U.S. DID.

3. ONLY PARTICIPANT FROM U.S. WAS LICHTBLAU, AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE CHIEF OF RESEARCH. HE SAID HE CONSULTS CLOSELY WITH USG OFFICIALS ON IEA MATTERS. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO CONTACT HIM FOR FIRST-HAND ACCOUNT OF THIS SYMPOSIUM.
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